

ACTON'S 250th COMMITTEE

General Committee meeting held at Town Hall, May 16, 1984.

Meeting came to order at 7:40 P.M.

1. Tina Britton and Jean Brzezinski were unanimously elected as Recording Secretaries.
2. Ellen Holway told all committee heads that we needed complete lists of names, addresses and phone numbers of all their committee members. Also they could submit requests for reimbursement with expected dates of payment. The bills should be to Nancy Howe no later than June 1, 1984.
3. Ellen also stated that she needs firm calendar dates for all events, number of people to be accommodated, if you need a town facility reserved or if you have reserved one already.
4. Ellen also told the committee about her presentation of Article 19 at Town Meeting in which she requested \$5000 in seed money. It was approved.
5. Acton-Boxborough Arts Club donated \$500.
6. The initial kickoff of the 250th will be a presentation by The Vermont Symphony Orchestra (mini Tanglewood) on June 1, 1984 at the football field. Tickets are: \$5 adults, \$3 children and senior citizens.
7. Anita Dodson announced that on June 25, 1984 about mid-day in front of Town Hall, the Morris Dancers from Acton, England will give a 20 minute performance. Refreshments will follow at the Hosmer House.
8. Theron and Mary Loudon will donate a picture to the Town of the "Pagent" held 50 years ago.
9. Alice Clow is going to make an old fashioned hooked rug with the Town seal on it or perhaps the 250th logo.

Committee Reports

1. Business & Professional Assoc. - They are planning to build a "House of the Future". Plans are being discussed with Deck House and Acorn Structures with the computers to be donated by Digital Equipment Corporation. The sale of this house will be by raffle at \$100 per ticket.
2. Community Chest - The 250th Committee has requested a \$2500 grant but to date we have not heard.
3. Concord Community Band - They will hold a concert at the High School Auditorium on June 8, 1985. Tickets will be \$2.50.

4. Garden Club - Erla Schwarm announced that they will furnish all flower arrangements at club expense for the Home Tours.
5. Acton Junior Women's - Jean Brzezinski stated that they will hold the 250th's kickoff fund raiser on October 7, 1984 in the High School Auditorium. It will be an old time fashion show entitled "Fun N' Fashion", 3:00 P.M.
6. Commissioned Arts - Alfred Olschewski has completed the poster and has gotten estimates on reproduction. He has also finished the postcards.
7. Lions Club - They are holding their Town Fair on June 12, 13, 14, & 15. At their next board meeting they will vote on the production of the medallion and a commemorative calendar.
8. League of Women Voters - They will try and change the date of Town Meeting so that it is held in March or at a better time of year to see if they get better attendance. They are also looking into an all day Saturday meeting and serving a luncheon/dinner which was done years ago.
9. Memorial Library - Available for displays of memorabilia.
10. Minutemen - Supporting the Parade Committee enthusiastically. Will be selling commemorative plates, cups and automobile license plates.
11. Newcomers Club - Provide transportation to the 250th functions for seniors and the handicapped.
12. Historical Commission - Will be publishing some sort of memorabilia.
13. Historical Society - 30 women in town have the quilt underway depicting historical scenes.
14. Artifacts - Anything you are going to sell for an artifact (memorabilia) must be registered with Anita Dodson. This way we will not have duplications.
15. Iron Work Farm - They are going to host Anne Forbes, Weaver at the Jones Tavern in a Textile Industry Demonstration.
16. Open Door - Have no plans to date. They will do something in March, 1985. They are co-ordinating with other town theater groups so there are no conflicts.

17. S.A.R.C. - Planning on making the portable bandstands which will be needed for parades etc. Also plant trees in town. Anne Forbes has reported the following on her Textile Industry Demonstration to be held at the Jones Tavern:
- award of the Arts Lottery grant of \$750 to pay for graphics, signs, insurance coverage, and partial preparation of the exhibit space.
 - acceptance by the Ironwork Farm of our proposal to hold the exhibit in the Jones Tavern. I've agreed to see what we can do to have this event benefit them as much as possible--e.g. through publicity, raising a little money, helping to restore the two front rooms. We have also discussed the idea of making part of the exhibit into a permanent display for either the tavern or the Faulkner House.
 - assurance of the loan of equipment and educational displays from the Merrimack Valley Textile Museum (industrial and pre-industrial equipment) and Lowell National Historic Park (wall displays on wool processing, and working fulling-mill model). Contact people are curators Larry Gross at the textile museum, and Andy Chamberlain at Lowell.
 - a small committee of local weavers has been formed so far--Barbara Willis, Pam Schussel, and Ulla Lamm, and I am in the process of contacting other likely candidates. I foresee the greatest need for volunteers to occur toward the end--in getting the space ready, transporting the equipment, and manning the exhibit during the hours it is open.
18. Selectmen - Concord is holding a 4 day event in Sept. 1985 to commemorate their 350th celebration. Acton Selectmen have been invited to join the parade. We will invite Concord to ours. Selectmen feel we should try and do some things together, such as a spelling bee between the youth, etc.
19. Square Wheelers - Will dance in parade on Sept. 21, 1985. Also will hold a Ho-down some time in March so that new people will join the Square Wheelers and also come to learn the art.
20. Veterans - Will dedicate memorial in either May or June 1985.
21. Acton Woman's Club - They will hold an Open House serving cookies and punch during the Home Tours. They will also provide the hostesses for the tours.

22. Acton Fire Dept. - Holding a muster on July 5 & 6, 1985 in conjunction with the Jamboree.
23. Jamboree - The Jamboree Committee will move 1985's events up to the July 4th weekend.
24. Ball Committee - A gala ball will be held at the Sheraton Foxboro in May, 1985. Tickets are \$50.00 per couple. No funds will be needed from the 250th.
25. Parade Committee - Jack Dolan told us that he was holding a meeting on Friday, May 18, 1984 at the Acton Corporation for all businessmen in town. He sent out 600 letters to these businessmen and hopes many will attend and have ideas for floats, etc. The parade will be held Sept. 21, 1985 and will represent the past, present and future. It will be 3 hours in duration and its route will be from the train station to Acton Corporation or vice-versa. It will host military bands, floats, politicians, royalty, horse drawn carts and much more.
26. Youth Commission - A.) Henry Reagle will produce the play "I Hear A Drum" in Nov., 1985 with all school children being involved. B.) Maury Sagoff is involved in putting together a skit of the humorous parts of past Town Meetings. C.) Principals of schools and heads of all churches have been notified of the 250th so that they may all take part. D.) Youth want a Holiday Party, Winter Carnival, ice sculpture contest held in 1985. E.) Youth will have one float per organization in the parade. F.) At the Lions Carnival they will hold a "battle of the bands". G.) They are going to sell T-Shirts, hats and flags at the parade to help support their expenses.

GENERAL MEETING

1. Ellen Holway presented us with the estimates for reproduction of the poster and postcards. It was unanimously approved that we would have the poster reproduced in 3 colors by Concepts Unlimited. We will make an initial order of 300.

The postcards will be reproduced by McKinnen in black and white. We will only produce cards #1 & #2. They will print 3000 postcards of each. This was unanimously approved.

It was also approved to use postcard #1 (line card) as our official cover for all booklets, etc. The colors are to be white background with dark green print.

Mr. Olschewski will be commissioned to design a wintery theme postcard for Christmas cards.
2. Ellen also passed around a booklet she received from "Up with People". Their prices are \$5,000 for 1 show and \$8000 for 2 shows and \$2,500 for the parade. This was voted down due to cost.

3. Ellen told us about plans for a fund raiser. It will be a raffle (three-way) with the prizes being 1.) a trip to Acton, England, 2.) \$2,500 cash, 3.) Car. The tickets will be \$25. each. She is negotiating this with Deena Whitfield, Chairman of Business & Professional Assoc.
4. Ellen delighted everyone with the following donations by Sam Phillips, President of Acton Corporation.
 - a. He will let us build the "House of the Future" on a piece of property he owns in Acton with the agreement that it will be taken down upon the completion of the raffle.
 - b. We may use #1 Acton Place as our official mailing address for the 250th. We can pick the mail up any time.
 - c. Donated 1000 shares of Beltran stock which is worth approximately \$7000.
 - d. He will lend the services of his Director of Promotional Films, Khalil Sakakeemy, to produce any films we may choose. (It was suggested by the committee to produce a calendar of events ad and have it run at the Acton Cinema).
 - e. We may use his corporate guest house for any dignitaries we so choose.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina Britton
Jean Brzezinski